Selecting Your Housing for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

a preview

**Important!!!** Spring 2017’s Room Selection process is very different from previous years. Please carefully review the process and ask questions well in advance of the deadlines.

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Housing Lottery & Room Selection for 2017-2018 Housing

Undergraduate students registered for spring 2017 have four on-campus housing options:

**General Room Selection** ...............................................................Page 2-4
- Open to all undergraduates
- Approximately 1,600 beds available
- Self-select online during random lottery timeslot
- Must apply online via housing portal

**Program House Selection** .........................................................Page 4-5
- Open to all undergraduates
- Approximately 600 beds available
- Self-select in person
- Must apply online via Program House application

**Cooperative Housing** .......................................................................Page 5
- Open to all undergraduates
- Approximately 80 beds available
- Assignments offered by Co-op
- Must participate in Mosey or apply with individual houses

**Upperlevel Continued Occupancy** ..................................................Page 5
- Open to current residents of upperlevel housing
- Approximately 500 beds available
- Self-select in person
- Must apply following RHD/HAD guidelines

**Eligibility**
You must be a full-time, registered student for the spring 2017 semester to select housing for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Understanding General Room Selection for 2017-2018**

**What is different about this year's process?**
For students who want to select rooms with friends:
- The maximum block size is six students, and rooms can be selected from anywhere within the same building.
- After the block is formed, everyone in the block will receive the same timeslot which will be selected via a randomly generated algorithm.

Students will be able to select mixed gender housing. Everyone wanting to share a room or suite with a different gender will need to opt in to mixed gender housing on the application.
General Room Selection Dates

Sign-Up for General Room Selection: January 25-February 28, 2017
If you want to live in the West Campus House System or an upperlevel Residence Hall – or are unsure of your plans but want to leave that option open for yourself – sign up for General Room Selection. Signing up does not commit you to a contract or room; it merely allows you to participate in General Room Selection. Sign up at housing.cornell.edu any time between January 25 and February 28. You can sign up as an individual or form a block of up to six students. If you are considering mixed gender housing (living with someone of another gender), you will need to opt in to mixed gender housing.

Timeslots Issued: March 3, 2017
You'll receive your randomly generated General Room Selection timeslot by email after 2:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017. Review the Bed Availability Report before your timeslot to see what is available. Floor plans are available for viewing in the Bed Availability Report and also in 206 RPCC.

General Room Selection: March 13-16, 2017
Individuals and block leaders will sign in to the housing portal during their timeslot to choose rooms. You can sign in any time after your timeslot begins until General Room Selection ends at 7pm on March 16, 2017.

Frequently Asked Questions About General Room Selection

What is General Room Selection?
General Room Selection (March 13-16) is the online process through which current undergraduate students may select a room – and their roommates/blockmates (if applicable) – in a West Campus House or an upperlevel residence hall for the next academic year.

Am I guaranteed on-campus housing for next year?
If you are a rising sophomore (current first-year student), you are GUARANTEED on-campus housing as long as you sign up for and participate in General Room Selection. Rising juniors and rising seniors are not guaranteed on-campus housing.

Which housing options are available during General Room Selection?
During General Room Selection, you can select a room – if spaces are still available during your timeslot – in one of the West Campus Houses (Cook House, which includes the main building, four Gothic buildings, 625 University Avenue, and 122 McGraw Place; Becker House; Rose House, which includes the main building plus four Gothic buildings; Bethe House, which includes the main building plus one Gothic building; or Keeton House) or in an upperlevel residence hall (Cascadilla, 112 Edgemoor, Sheldon Court, or Schuyler House). Some Program Houses may also have spaces available during General Room Selection, although most spaces will already be reserved through the Program House application and room selection process (see pages 4-5).
When will my General Room Selection timeslot be?
You will receive your exact timeslot after 2:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017. You/your block will receive a timeslot during one of the following periods:

- Rising sophomores: Monday, March 13, 5:00-11:00pm & Tuesday, March 14, 5:00-11:00pm
- Rising juniors: Wednesday, March 15, 5:00-8:00pm
- Rising seniors: Thursday, March 16, 5:00-7:00pm

What happens during my General Room Selection timeslot?
Step-by-step General Room Selection instructions will be sent via email and also placed in your campus mailbox in January.

A quick overview: During your timeslot, individuals and block leaders will sign in to the housing portal to select rooms. Block leaders will assign everyone in the block. Individuals and block leaders will be asked to electronically accept the housing Terms and Conditions and sign the housing contract. Students assigned by the block leader will receive an email prompting them to sign the housing contract online within two hours. 

*Please note that all signed housing contracts are legally binding for the full academic year.*

How much time do I have to choose a room?
You can sign in to the housing portal as soon as your timeslot begins, or any time afterward until General Room Selection ends (Thursday, March 16 at 7:00pm). There is no time limit; you have until the end of General Room Selection to choose your room. Note that timeslots are 20-minute intervals. Every 20 minutes, a new group of students can select rooms.

How do I live with my friends?
“Blocking” allows you to live with one to five of your friends, for a total group of up to six students. When you sign up for General Room Selection, the Block page will allow you to create or join a block. Each block has one designated block leader that is responsible for assigning everyone in the block to any space within the same building. If your block consists of three or more students, at least one person in your block must be assigned to a double, triple or quad. (i.e., two students blocking together may select two singles, but three or more students blocking together may not select all singles). Details will be included in the step-by-step instructions you’ll receive in January.

Who can be in my block?
All students must have a housing application to be eligible to join a block. Rising sophomores can only block with other rising sophomores. Rising juniors and rising seniors can only block with other rising juniors and rising seniors.
Can I live with someone of a different gender?
Yes, you can share a room or suite with someone of a different biological sex, gender, or gender identity. When you sign up for General Room Selection, you may opt in to mixed gender housing after viewing a video and agreeing to the rules. Note that everyone wishing to share a room or suite with someone of a different gender must opt in when signing up for General Room Selection.

What if I’m not planning to live with a friend, or block with a group?
You can choose a single (if any are still available during your timeslot), or choose a free bed in a partially occupied room, or choose a bed in an empty room (understanding that other students can select any remaining beds in your room).

Other Frequently Asked Questions

I’m interested in living in the West Campus House System. What are my chances of securing a room in one of the Houses?
Historically, rising sophomores have had approximately a 50% chance of securing a room in the House System during General Room Selection. There are 1,851 beds in the House System: 1,244 in the main buildings, and 607 in the Gothic buildings that are affiliated with the Houses. Approximately 975 of these beds will be available during General Room Selection; the rest will be reserved for transfer students, Language House residents, upperlevel students who have reserved a room through their Continued Occupancy process (see page 5), and students assigned to housing through Student Disability Services. Rising juniors and rising seniors who currently live in the West Campus House System have a chance to stay in their House through their Continued Occupancy process.

I’m interested in living in a Program House. How do I apply?
Apply online to the house(s) in which you have interest by February 1 at housing.cornell.edu/programhouses. If you are offered a spot in a Program House and choose to accept the offer, you will select your room and sign your housing contract during Program House Room Selection (March 1-2), and will not need to take part in the General Room Selection process. Some Program Houses may still have rooms available after Program House Room Selection; these rooms will be made available through General Room Selection, March 13-16. Even if you hope to live in a Program House, be sure to also sign up for General Room Selection as a backup plan.

To learn more about the themed Residence Halls, visit housing.cornell.edu/programhouses or email programhouses@cornell.edu for ways to get involved.

I’m interested in living in the Language House. How do I apply?
Apply by December 2, 2016 at msp.dos.cornell.edu/org/languagehouse. Offers are made by the Language House community, and selection takes place on February 13, 2017 before General Room Selection. Even if you hope to live in Language House, be sure to also sign up for General Room Selection as a backup plan.
I'm interested in living in a university-owned Co-op. How do I apply?
Contact the house(s) in which you are interested at housing.cornell.edu/cooperatives. The application and selection processes for the Co-ops is handled individually through each house. To learn more about the Co-ops, take part in “Co-op Mosey,” a day of open houses on Sunday, February 5. Details will be posted at housing.cornell.edu/cooperatives. Even if you hope to live in a Co-op, be sure to also sign up for General Room Selection as a backup plan.

Can I continue living in my current residence?
The West Campus Houses, Cascadilla, 112 Edgemoor, Sheldon Court, and Schuyler House will hold their own In-House Continued Occupancy processes in February to allow a percentage of current residents to continue there for 2017-2018. Details about your community’s Continued Occupancy (C/O) process are available from your RHD/HAD.

I’m a rising junior or rising senior. What are my chances of securing on-campus housing for 2017-2018?
If you want to live on campus next year, it is highly recommended that you participate in your current residence’s Continued Occupancy (see previous question), or apply to live in a Program House or a Co-op (see questions at the top of this page). If you participate in the General Room Selection process, it is likely that most – and possibly all – on-campus housing options will already be filled by the time you go to select a room. If no beds are available during your General Room Selection timeslot, you can be placed on the housing wait list and we may be able to make you a housing offer, although we cannot guarantee it.

How can I find out more about my housing options?
Visit housing.cornell.edu, and click on “Live on Campus” and then on “Where to Live.” Also visit housing.cornell.edu/programhouses, and visit the Co-ops during Co-op Mosey (February 5). There will be informational sessions and tours for West Campus (March 4) and for Collegetown (March 5).
Important Dates ~ 2017-2018 Housing

Language House Application Deadline .................................................. December 2
msp.dos.cornell.edu/org/languagehouse.

General Room Selection Sign-up ..................................................... January 25-February 28
Sign up at housing.cornell.edu to get your randomly generated timeslot to participate in General Room Selection.

Room Selection Demos ................................................................. January 26
Step-by-step demonstrations of the General Room Selection process and online portal: details to be posted at housing.cornell.edu.

Program House Application Deadline .......................................... February 1
Apply to live in a themed Residence Hall by visiting housing.cornell.edu/programhouses.

Co-op Mosey .................................................................................. February 5
Tour and learn about Cornell’s Co-ops: details at housing.cornell.edu/cooperatives.

West Campus C/O Process ............................................................... February 13-16
Current West Campus residents who participate and are selected through their community’s In-House Lottery for Continued Occupancy (C/O) choose their rooms and sign their housing contracts. See your House leadership for dates and detail.

Housing Accommodation Requests for Students with Disabilities Deadline .............................................. February 17
Deadline to register with Student Disability Services for special housing needs: visit sds.cornell.edu.

Upperlevel Residence Hall C/O Process .......................................... February 27
Current residents of the Collegetown area residence halls who participate and are selected through their community’s In-Hall Lottery for Continued Occupancy (C/O) choose their rooms and sign their housing contracts. See your RA/RHD for lottery deadlines and processes.

Room Selection Demos ..................................................................... March 1
Step-by-step demonstrations of the General Room Selection process and online portal: details to be posted at housing.cornell.edu.

Program House Room Selection ..................................................... March 1-2
Students who apply and are accepted to live in a themed residence hall select their rooms and sign their housing contracts.

West Campus Information Session and Tours ............................. March 4 (3-5pm)
Collegetown Open House .............................................................. March 5 (1-3pm)
General Room Selection ................................................................. March 13-16
Select your room online during your General Room Selection timeslot.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit housing.cornell.edu, email housing@cornell.edu, or call (607) 255-5368.